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Regional Service Council Minutes **Region # 10**

Meeting Date: June 27, 2008

Meeting Location: Marion County DCS Region #10, Indianapolis

Council Members Present: Chair Rhonda Allen, MCDCS; Taren Duncan, MCDCS; Adrana Johnson, MCDCS; D'Andrea Abdullah, MCDCS; Susie Kennedy, MCDCS; Judge Beth Jansen, Marion Superior Court- Juvenile Division; Judge Marilyn Moores, Marion Superior Court- Juvenile Division; Maribryan McGeney, MCDCS.

Council Members Absent: Maggie Cooper, Foster parent; Judge Diana Burleson Marion Superior Court- Juvenile Division; Peggy Surbey and Mary Ann West, MCDCS.

Others In Attendance: Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau; Kathy Ballard, St. Vincent New Hope; Laura Green, Family Works; Grant Gray, Adult and Child; Shelly Kegl, Jr. and Karen Carlson, Midwest Psychological; Molly Price, Gibault Children's Services; Jaqueline Taylor, On the Spot Services; Mattie Herald, Mosaic Recovery; Amy Foxworthy, MCDCS; Melissa Webber, Interact; Kristen Burke and Monique Busch, LCFS; Christina Ball and Kevin Riley, MC Juvenile Probation; Charles Hunter, Wernle; Dan Embree and Brent Matthews, Dawn Project/Choices; Angela Reid- Brown, MCDCS; Jodi Dalton, Marion County Superior Court- Child and Adolescent Placement Project



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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:11 a.m.

I. Call the Meeting to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes from the May 16, 2008 meeting were not approved.
- b) Minutes will be available on the DCS website. The minutes will be put on the website after Regional Service Council approves the minutes.

III. Old Business

a) Transitional Assistance Services (TAS)

- i. Abdullah stated that she is not here today. It was recommended that she look over the State DCS RFP.

b) 2009-2011 Regional Services for Child Welfare Request for Proposals Corrections and Allocations

- i. Council was provided with a spreadsheet of services and providers that will be provided for the next two years starting Jan. 1, 2009. These are the services from "Wave 1". "Wave 2" should be out any day. Any left over services that don't fit into "Wave 1 and 2" will go into "Wave 3".
- ii. The Council needs to approve these services and providers so that it can go up to the State DCS for final approval.
- iii. After "Wave 2" the spread sheet will expand with services and providers.
- iv. The allocations are based on the IV-B monies.
- v. If a provider is not performing up to the contract expectations than a grievance process is started. This is still up for debate as to



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who will all be involved in this process. The county will still have a way to monitor contract expectations.

- vi. McGeney made a motion to accept the service providers and services for this “wave 1”. Judge Moores 2nd the motion. Council approved.
- vii. We will be looking at “Wave 2 and Wave 3” in Aug. and Sept.

IV. New Business

a) Comprehensive Family Profiles and Bonding Assessments

- i. Judge Moores stated that there is a back log and reports are not getting done in a timely manner. There has been a huge increase in cases and providers are having a hard time keeping up. Judge also stated that it has gone back to the parenting assessment format. Allen stated that the CFP and BA assessments are an expanded version of a parenting assessment.
- ii. Judge Moores stated that the court can not wait on these assessments. We lose momentum with families if it takes 60 days to complete.
- iii. One component of HB 1001 is the expanded membership of Regional Service Council. Allen stated that we need to better assess services and in August have a better representation across the board. Judge Moores would like to extend the August Council meeting to begin creating a strategic plan.
- iv. If there is a back log, FCMs can go outside the contracted agencies and use an expenditure form. Judge Moores will reiterate that if home-based is in place than you don’t necessarily need a CFP because both services provide an assessment.
- v. Dalton made the recommendation that service standards for all services be made available to court, probation, and FCMs.



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Abduallah made the recommendation that court and probation have access to the information off their county website. Dalton made the recommendation that a summary binder of programs and services be available to all magistrates. Allen will look into the court having access to the website.

b) Adult and Child and Midtown-SED Screening and Assessment Project (Mental Health Screens)

- i. Reid-Brown reported that these agencies have been collecting data that shows there is an increase in costs to provide these assessments. Both agencies are asking for an increase- \$200 medicaid eligible, \$450 for non-medicaid assessments. These are mental health screens for children who enter into the system to help determine services.
- ii. The contract currently stands that for Medicaid eligible youth it is a flat rate of \$60 per hour. Grant Gray reported that it can take up to 4-5 hours for assessments to be completed (including writing the report). He also stated that increase in travel time and gas has gone up and so they are asking for an increase.
- iii. Judge Moores moved to accept the rate increase. Abdullah 2nd the motion. Council approved the increase to \$200 for Medicaid eligible and \$450 for non-Medicaid assessments.

c) Children's Bureau- 2008 Chafee Funds

- i. John Bennett reported that Children's Bureau will be running out of their state funds by the end of June. Roth and Associates approved an additional \$90,000 to provide Chafee services to IL youth. Bennett stated that they have 50 plus referrals that need to be taken care of and he has hired additional staff.
- ii. Jansen made the motion to allocate additional funds to Children's Bureau. Judge Moores 2nd the motion. Council approved.



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d) Children Bureau- Mallon House Project

- i. Bennett reported that Children's Bureau asked if they could offer services dollar for dollar. Children's Bureau is in limbo because of the change in personnel at the State and change in services. Children's Bureau needs a guarantee that this will be used and service standards are clear.
- ii. Judge Moores states that this is a very important service and the courts support this program being provided.
- iii. Allen stated that Central office does have the proposal that Brant Ping put together. Central office would like to standardize this across the state and not just Children's Bureau offering it in Marion County. Allen will provide the proposal to Council members.
- iv. Bennett stated that there needs to be a master contract for this service. The landscape of HB 1001 has completely changed the way this type of service is going to be provided and funded.
- v. Judge Moores wants the names of people at DMHA and State DCS that can move this forward before Jan. 1, 2009.
- vi. The Council has already decided that this is a service that we want in Marion County. Duncan will make a request to Central office that someone look into this and help Marion County move forward. Marion County needs to know standards for funding, licensing, and someone designated to work with Marion County on this project. Judge Moores would like a timeline. Bennett will forward all information to Duncan so she can follow up with central office. Judge Moores stated she will contact a model court site (Omaha, Nebraska) that already offers this service to obtain their service standards and contracts. This service is offered in conjunction with a drug court.



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e) Public Comments

- Bennett stated that there was a transitional living provider meeting last week and Mary Ann West stated that the standards for transitional living have not been done yet. Bennett stated that the scattered sites program is in limbo and Bennett is concerned about apartment leases.

- Judge Moores stated that the school building next to the court might belong to the court some day soon. She stated that Dr. White would like to give that to the court. Judge is interested in making this a neighborhood center (classrooms, gyms, programs, day and evening reporting, health services, and day care).

- Mosaic asked about the drug and alcohol contracts- Duncan stated that providers should refer to "Wave 2" RFP because the services should be in there.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: July 18, 2008, 9:00 a.m. This will be held at the Marion County DCS Region 10 Conference Rooms 102-103.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:35 a.m.



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